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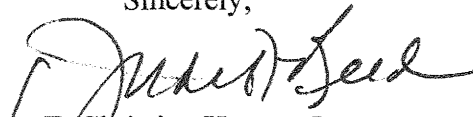
Ms. Kristie Smithers
City Clerk
290 East Herning Avenue
Wasilla, Alaska 99654-7091

Dear Ms. Smithers:

This refers to the changes to the election code with regard to candidate qualifications and qualifying procedures for the City of Wasilla in the Borough of Matanuska-Susitna, Alaska, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on November 4, 2010.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 28 C.F.R. 51.41.

Sincerely,



T. Christian Herren, Jr.
Chief, Voting Section